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For: **METHODS AND KITS FOR IDENTIFYING
FUNCTIONS AND BINDING SUBSTANCES
OF GENE PRODUCTS (As Amended)**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SIDS)

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicants have become aware of the following documents, cited in a European Office Action issued May 2, 2008, during the prosecution of Application No. 05709910.3-1223, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the Office Action and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

Please note that due to its extensive length, only the front page and claims are included for reference B3. A complete copy will be provided to the Examiner upon request.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited documents are material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any document herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such document is prior art. Moreover, Applicants understand the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

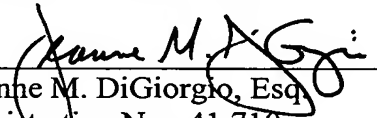
Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(d), Applicants note that to our knowledge this communication was not received by any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this statement.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SHZ-029US.

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